WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A server capable of communication with a user terminal and a helper terminal for providing information to the user terminal, comprising:

5   storage means for storing helper information of the helper terminal;

reception means for receiving from the user terminal an inquiry about information desired by a user; and

10   selection means for selecting the helper terminal in accordance with the inquiry received by said reception means and the helper information stored in said storage means.

15   2. A server according to claim 1, wherein the helper information stored in said storage means is keywords of the information which the helper terminal can provide.

20   3. A server according to claim 1, wherein:

said reception means receives at least one of a communication ability of the user terminal and a desired fee for obtaining the information desired by the user; and

25   the server further comprises transmission means for transmitting the inquiry received by said reception means to the helper terminal selected by said selection

means.

4.   A server according to claim 1, further comprising:

notice means for notifying the helper terminals selected by said selection means to the user terminal; and

connection means for establishing a communication between the user terminal and the helper terminal selected by the user from the helper terminal notified by said notice means.

5.   A server according to claim 4, wherein said notice means notifies at least one of a communication ability and a desired fee of the helper terminal selected by said selection means.

6.   A server according to claim 4, further comprising:

second storage means for storing information provided by the helper terminal;

wherein said notice means notifies the information stored in said second storage means.

7.   A server according to claim 6, wherein at least a permission for storing the information in said second storage means is required to be received from

the helper terminal or a permission for notifying by
said notice means is required to be received from the
user terminal.

5   8.   A server according to claim 1, further
comprising payment requesting means for requesting the
user terminal to pay a fee for the obtained
information.

10   9.   A server according to claim 1, further
comprising payment processing means for paying a fee
for the information provided by the helper terminal.

       10. A server according to claim 1, further
15 comprising fee collecting means for collecting a
registration fee for storing the helper information in
said storage means.

       11. A server according to claim 1, further
20 comprising advertisement distributing means for
distributing advertisement information to at least one
of the user terminal and the helper terminal.

       12. A server according to claim 1, further
25 comprising extraction means for extracting keywords
from the inquiry received by said reception means,
wherein said selection means selects the helper

terminal in accordance with the keywords extracted by said extraction means.

13. A control method of controlling a system having a server capable of communication with a user terminal and a helper terminal for providing information to the user terminal, comprising:

a storage step of storing helper information of the helper terminal;

a reception step of receiving from the user terminal an inquiry about information desired by a user; and

a selection step of selecting the helper terminal in accordance with the inquiry received at said reception step and the helper information stored by said storage step.

14. A control method of controlling a system having a server capable of communication with a user terminal and a plurality of helper terminals for providing information to the user terminal, comprising:

a storage step of storing helper information of the plurality of helper terminals;

a reception step of receiving from the user terminal an inquiry about information desired by a user; and

a selection step of selecting helper terminals in

accordance with the inquiry received at said reception step and the helper information stored by said storage step.

5   15.   A storage medium storing a computer readable program for realizing a control method of controlling a system having a server capable of communication with a user terminal and a helper terminal for providing information to the user terminal, the program

10   comprising:

a storage step of storing helper information of the helper terminal;

a reception step of receiving from the user terminal an inquiry about information desired by a

15   user; and

a selection step of selecting the helper terminal in accordance with the inquiry received at said reception step and the helper information stored by said storage step.

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16.   A storage medium storing a computer readable program for realizing a control method of controlling a system having a server capable of communication with a user terminal and a plurality of helper terminals for

25   providing information to the user terminal, the program comprising:

a storage step of storing helper information of

the plurality of helper terminals;

a reception step of receiving from the user terminal an inquiry about information desired by a user; and

a selection step of selecting helper terminals in accordance with the inquiry received at said reception step and the helper information stored by said storage step.